

## **Agenda for Board Meeting October 16, 2011**

**Call to order**

**Roll call**

**Reading, approval of the minutes for September**

**Action Items:**

**National Committee proposal for 2012 Nationals in San Diego with SoCal Mondioring Club**

**Robin Farrish to head Audit committee (make honorary member) -- OJ collected credentials**

**Request of Secretary to post year end treasury report for 2008, 2009, 2010 (send to webmaster)**

**Request of Secretary to update Trial request form and Insurance binder form, set up a method of filing these.**

**Board recommendations on adding seminars to website (possible assignment for Terrill)**

**Score book decision -- Dennis**

**Discussion Items:**

**Temperament test status -- Ann**

**Education Committee -- add representative from Decoy and Judge Committee**

**Directors Open Forum:**

**Adjourn**

**Director & Committee Reports:**

**National Committee: proposal for 2012 Nationals in San Diego with SoCal Mondioring Club, questions and concerns sent to Board**

**Contract signed ([LINK](#))-- awaiting Board decision**

**Education Committee: Planning on getting together with Membership Committee Chair in the next few weeks. Making plans with him on volunteering to clubs who just might want others to come train with them for a weekend. Maybe re inspire and inspire others some and share new and old ways of training. Suggestions from the board on who to approach would be appreciated**

**Membership Committee: In the past couple of months we have been contacting clubs and making sure that their current information is correct and if they have any questions or concerns. Any changes to the clubs were forwarded to Lisa Geller.**

**When speaking with the listed contact for Red River Ringsport we were told to make the new contact Brad Hardin (which has been done). When speaking with Mr. Hardin he did have some concerns as to the committees. He said in the past he was on the decoys committee and was never informed that the committees had been changed and that he was no longer listed on this committee. Not sure if this is something that was over looked, but we should be sure to address this and check to see if there were others so as to not alienate members.**

**We have been thinking of ways to help promote our sport more and have been taking advice from various members in our sport.**

**One idea we would like to begin is putting together a new member/ club package section on the website. In this section we would like to include all important and helpful information we can put together for people just starting**

out in our sport as to help them succeed. (For example- trail guidelines and checklists, the videos Steve Garvin will be putting together, etc...)

We are also attaching a flyer that was made by Ann Putegnat that she always has available. We feel this flyer should be distributed to clubs when they are having trials. All trials should have this flyer out for the public so as to help attract new membership and interest in our sport.

We feel both of the above listed ideas should be added to the USMRA website.

Lastly ... there is a little confusion as to our committees "exact" duties. We have been asked to contact clubs about dues/ trials but have no list of what clubs are paid and/or due for trails. Is it our job to send out notice to this? Or are we just to make an inquiry about helping them? Also there are a lot of the clubs that we have contacted and have not received any response.

**Judges Committee:** Recently revised the requirements for becoming a Judge, adding the requirement of a MR3 title and Deputy and Secretary experience. Looking at improved field safety for dogs and Handlers.

**Decoy Committee:** At the last decoy committee there was a a vote taken on the issue of decoys not training or doing a trials before the nationals. The committee voted all in favor of removing this rule. Two decoys have volunteered to do the nationals this year; Sean and Jake . An email has been sent to all decoys that 10/23/2011 will be the deadline for those that are interested in decoying the nationals. The committee will have a meeting another meeting on the 10/23/2011 to decide the other two decoys. There was also discussion about the need for a sub-committee. At this time we as a committee feel that the certifications are covered. The decoy committee voted all in favor in allowing decoys to use approved training events to count has a trial. It was also brought to the committees attention that some clubs have not been using the appropriate ammunition for their pistols. For example, using the combustible part of nail guns instead of buying the required blanks for their pistol. Using a different size grain can cause serious harm to the individual firing this pistol. The committee voted all in favor that during a trial the pistol must be loaded with the appropriate ammunition . We recommend that the judge inspect pistol before the trial. That is all the committee has to report at this time.

**International Committee:** As most of you know, USMRA sent 3 teams to the World Championships and some of you have joined me in publicly congratulating the teams. From the scores it appears that it was a very challenging game. There have been requests to find some ideas to better prepare our US team for WC competition. AND in the same light, it has been brought up on the yahoo group the great variance between the "hobby" player and the "world field" competitors, so we shall try to get input from the membership on how we can better serve. I have privately emailed team members for feedback, but at this date, there have been no responses.

Again our goals for the 2010-2011 term:

Review/revise International Team Selection Criteria - in process

Explore/implement ways to support WC team - in process

Solicit/facilitate WC Team 2011 - ACHEIVED

Solicit/facilitate WC Team 2012 - in process

Any other tasks and input from the membership and BOD is welcome. Feel free to email me anytime or phone 530 824-9100 (ok 7am to 11 pm PST ) The committee will be meeting and forming recommendations for the BOD before the years end.

Notes from Delegates Meeting: [LINK](#)